



# POULTRY

Poultry continues to be one of Virginia's most valuable agricultural commodities, contributing sales of nearly \$787 million to the economy in 1999. This was a 1% decrease compared with the \$791 million in sales generated in 1998.

Virginia's commercial broiler production increased 4% from 1.26 billion pounds in 1998 to nearly 1.32 billion pounds in 1999.

Turkey production was 526 million pounds, down 1% from last year's total of 533 million pounds. Price per pound increased from 39 cents in 1998 to 42 cents in 1999.

Virginia egg production totaled 845 million in 1999, down nearly 2% from 860 million eggs produced in 1998.